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Please see attached letter.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
U S Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Permit us to offer some of our views about the Microsoft antitrust case. In our judgment, the settlement agreement reached between Microsoft and your department is fair, reasonable, sensible and in the best interests of all parties concerned. We believe it addresses the issues that brought about the case and which nine states have approved. We see no need for further federal action, particularly while Microsoft is negotiating with the remaining states to reach an agreement.

Although the settlement may reach further than Microsoft may have desired, it recognizes that settling this case sooner is better than later. It requires Microsoft to change the way it develops, licenses and markets its software, as well as the way it deals with independent vendors.

Not only does the agreement handle past and present problems, it establishes provisions on how to deal with possible future problems. A technical oversight committee will ensure that Microsoft complies with terms of the settlement, and competitors will be allowed to sue Microsoft directly if they feel they've been treated unfairly.

There comes a time when this litigation must be put behind us, and that time is now. Certainty and stability should be reestablished in the IT sector. The cloud that has been hanging over it for all the years this case has been before the courts ought to be lifted so that the sun can once again have the chance to shine on our economy.

Sincerely,

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